

*Grants will revitalize neighborhood, stimulate economic growth*

**Washington, DC** - Congressman Bruce Braley (D-Iowa) announced today he helped secured two grants totaling \$723,000 for the city of Waterloo to redevelop the former Chamberlain Manufacturing complex into a neighborhood park and rehabilitate the area. Hawkeye Community College will partner with the city, using the project as training for community agencies.

"I'm proud to have helped secure funding that will directly impact Iowa families," Braley said. "This grant money will revamp the area, increasing demands for homes and encouraging development there and in surrounding neighborhoods. The project will not only stimulate economic growth, but will provide invaluable, hands-on experience for students."

Hawkeye Community College Students will be trained throughout the demolition and rebuilding process, as well as assist in the landscaping design of the site. Afterward, the site may be used for "real-life" disaster training such as crime scene processing, disaster simulation, asbestos removal and fire rescue training.

The grants are for the amounts of \$343,000 and \$380,000 and were secured through the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2008 and Department of Housing and Urban Development Appropriations Act, 2009.